

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO INTERIM BANKRUPTCY RULE 1007 AND AMENDMENTS TO OFFICIAL BANKRUPTCY FORMS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER, 2006

Summary of Amendment to Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007

Interim Rule 1007 is amended to require a debtor to file an Official Form that includes a statement of the debtor's compliance with the pre-petition credit counseling obligations of §109(h) of the Code. "Official Form 1, Exhibit D" is a new form created by the Judicial Conference in connection with said amendment. The completion of this Form is required in addition to the filing of any required certificates or motions.

Summary of Amendments to Official Bankruptcy Forms

Official Form 1, Voluntary Petition- The amendments to this form implement statistical reporting requirements of the 2005 Bankruptcy Act that take effect on October 17, 2006.

Official Form 5, Involuntary Petition- The amendments to this form implement statistical reporting requirements of the 2005 Bankruptcy Act that take effect on October 17, 2006.

Official Form 6, Schedule of Assets and Liabilities- The amendments to this form implement statistical reporting requirements of the 2005 Bankruptcy Act that take effect on October 17, 2006. This is a two page form. The first page is a Summary of Schedules. The second page is the Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.

Official Form 1, Exhibit D- This new form highlights the debtor's obligation to seek credit counseling before filing a bankruptcy petition and the consequences for failing to timely do so, as set forth in Amended Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007.

Official Forms 9G, 9H- 'Family Fisherman' is added to 'Family Farmer' as a category of debtor eligible for relief under Chapter 12.

Official Form 9I- The amendments to this form provide general notice of the potential for the Internal Revenue Service to file a claim – based on the debtor's income tax return – well after the normal deadline for filing a proof of claim in a Chapter 13 case.

Official Forms 22A, 22C -The amendments to this form are stylistic and conform to the new terms adopted in the 2005 Bankruptcy Act.

Official Form 23- The form is amended to specify the debtor's obligation to verify completion of an instructional course on personal financial management by including the identification number from the certificate of completion issued by the provider. Failure to include the certificate identification number on Official Form 23 may affect the issuance of a discharge order.

New and Revised Director's Procedural Bankruptcy Forms

Form 104, Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet- The amendments to this form implement statistical reporting requirements of the 2005 Bankruptcy Act that take effect on October 17, 2006.

Form 210, Transfer of Claim Other than For Security- This form is intended to serve as evidence of the transfer of claim.

Draft versions of the form changes, in non-writable PDF format, are posted to the U.S. Courts' website, bankruptcy form page [www.uscourts.gov/bankform]. Writable versions of these amended Official Bankruptcy Forms are not yet available on the Court's website.

The Court will be upgrading to Release v3.1 of CM/ECF on October 17, 2006. Due to the additional statistical information required upon case opening in CM/ECF Release v3.1, attorneys will need to upgrade their petition preparation software and/or templates in order to file petitions, schedules, etc. after this release is implemented. The petition preparation software vendors have been provided with information regarding the Official Forms amendments.